

# Conservation On the Ground - **First Annual Forage/Beef Field Day held in Lee County**

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*Presentations and a tour made for a successful Lee County First Annual Forage/Beef Field Day*

The Opelika Field Office Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff assisted with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System's First Annual Forage/Beef Field Day on Saturday, December 7, 2002.

The event was took place at the homestead farm of Banks and Margo Herndon, just outside of Opelika. The three-hour event included speakers from private business, NRCS, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, local veterinarians, and the Herndons.

Approximately 42 land users and interested parties attended the workshop.

NRCS, along with the Soil and Water Conservation District, provided planning assistance as the Herndons built their beef cattle operation. They participated in the state cost-share program to implement pasture and hayland plantings, fencing, and watering facilities. These practices were available for public viewing. The NRCS presentation at the workshop emphasized the importance of good planning in a farm operation.

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